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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
SATOSHI KOIZUMI ET AL. ) Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao  
Application No.: 09/068,528 ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: May 13, 1998 )  
For: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING )  
SUGAR NUCLEOTIDES AND )  
COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES ) September 13, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of Claim 1,  
showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (Amended) A process for producing a sugar nucleotide, which  
comprises:

selecting, as enzyme sources, a) a culture broth of a microorganism  
capable of producing nucleoside-5'-triphosphate ("NTP") from a nucleotide precursor, or a